

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 NOVEMBER 2018

Readings for Sunday, November 18: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

Readings for Sunday, November 25: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
19 Nov. MON. 9:00 AM	Richard Stevenson	Cristin Buccigliaglia
21 Nov. WED. 9:00 AM	Pasquale "Pat" Graziani	Jack & Margie Buccigliaglia and family
22 Nov. THU. 9:00 AM	Daniel & Adeline Villano	Phyllis Villano & family
23 Nov. FRI. 9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed	
24 Nov. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
25 Nov. SUN. 9:00 AM	57 th Wedding Anniversary of Jack & Margie Buccigliaglia	The Family



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



Flowers on the Altar are in celebration of the
**30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JIM &
 DENISE BUCCIAGLIA.**



We welcome FRANCISCO & CARLY
 VAZQUEZ and MATTHEW & AMY
 PORTER who recently joined St.
 Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother
 Parish.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are invited to join in these special Marian Devotions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Phyllis Villano
 Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tammaro, Mara Tammaro, Shelly Stockmal, Terry Donnelly
 Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly
 Greeters - Nikki Gambino and Maria DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Tony Vitacco
 Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Buccigliaglia, Denise Buccigliaglia, Cristin Buccigliaglia
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
 Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

“Continuation of a Call to Integrity” Part II

Are you being called to be a Sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation?

As a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, you do have specific functions. The Church describes them as the following:

1. To support the parents in communicating and nurturing the faith of the child
2. To support the candidate in their faith development
3. To accompany the candidate, if possible to special liturgies
4. To help the child or the candidate live as a follower of Jesus

Some of the following suggestions will not be possible if you live away from the area but be creative and think of ways to be in contact with the candidate.

1. Arrange opportunities to spend time with the parents of the child or the candidate himself/herself, if age appropriate, and to enjoy being together. Some of these can relate directly to the Baptism.
2. Discuss with the parents of the child or candidate the efforts, progress and problems experienced in preparing for the reception of Baptism or Confirmation. Help them to review the Basic Faith concepts and see if there are any questions or concerns.
3. Offer suggestions and encouragement, as they are needed.
4. Arrange some time to pray together or to read a passage from Scripture together. If you live close by, make plans to participate in the Eucharist (Mass) together.
5. Keep in contact with the parents of the child or your candidate either in person or on the telephone.

Take time for yourself. Put aside some time for thinking and praying. Sponsors can begin to see how they can improve the quality of their role. There are many ways to go about this. One could just spend time alone, quietly reflecting; take up a journal and attempt writing one's reflections; or talk over things with a friend. You might ask yourself:

1. Can I share my faith unashamedly?
2. Do I live close enough to really get to know my Godchild/Candidate?
3. Am I an active member of my local parish?
4. What has being asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor taught me about my faith this week?
5. What can I do to encourage the child or candidate I am sponsoring in his/her faith life?
6. What do I want to pray especially for this week?

We pray that your role as a Godparent or Sponsor will be an enriching one.

A Sponsor must meet the following requirements:

1. I believe and accept the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. I am at least 16 years of age.
3. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
4. If married, I celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church or with the approval of the Catholic Church.
5. I receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly and live a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
6. I understand and accept the responsibility, which I undertake as a sponsor, and I am a registered member of the parish and a practicing Catholic.
7. I am prepared to assist the parents in their Christian duty by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

The sponsor's home parish has the right to verify that he/she is qualified to be a Sponsor.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018.	\$3,654
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,534
Parish Giving -	\$120
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,346)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$100,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$78,711
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,936
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$21,289)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,064)
 <i>NOVEMBER 12, 2017</i>	
Deposit.	\$3,701
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.	(\$20,338)
Difference from previous year..	(\$951)

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 10/11:

4:00 PM Mass - 198
 9:00 AM Mass - 126
 Total Attendance - 324
 Mass Attendance for November 11/12, 2017 - 355



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE will be held this weekend, November 17 and 18. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items (canned soup, canned pasta, canned beef stew, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, jelly, etc.) to

the church vestibule next weekend. Food collected will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown for those in need in our area. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES
 610-327-2600

KIELBASA FOR SALE: Limited amount of frozen kielbasa for sale. Cost: \$10.00 for 5 pounds. Call the parish office if interested.

“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”. For further information, please call the parish office.



Raffle Drawing

PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening

Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- November 5 - #643 - unsold
- November 6 - #309 - unsold
- November 7 - #581 - unsold
- November 8 - #146 - unsold
- November 9 - #547 - unsold
- November 10 - #755 - unsold
- November 11 - #765 - Joseph Donnelly - \$100.00

REDNER’S REGISTER TAPES FUND RAISER - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner’s register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this rebate is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner’s tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use a card, we can not use your tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape card at the Customer Service Desk at any Redner’s. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church.

MOO MONEY FUND RAISER - Our Parish is a participant in the Moo Money Fund Raiser Program offered by Turkey Hill. For every 500 milk lids turned in with the Moo Money Label, the Parish will receive \$25 from Turkey Hill. Money the parish receives from Moo Money will be used to offset our PREP expenses. Containers for the Moo Money lids are in the vestibule of church. Thank you to everyone for collection the Moo Money lids.

HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women’s Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. The cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the parish office.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 16

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

Includes Soup, Salad, Entree and Dessert

Entree Choices:

_____ SEARED SALMON FILLET - Maple Mustard Sauce with Sautéed Winter Greens and Warm German Style German Potato Salad

_____ SAUTÉED CHICKEN BREAST - With Pickled Cranberry, Plum and Cider Bourbon Glaze with Potato Gratin and Sautéed Winter Greens

_____ SUNFLOWER CAFÉ'S VERY SPECIAL BEEF STEW - Slow Cooked Beef and Winter Vegetables with Polenta Dumpling

_____ VEGETARIAN OPTION - Wide Pasta tossed with Winter Greens and Walnut Pesto, Grilled Butternut Squash and White Beans

Member Price - \$25.00; Non-Member Price - \$30.00.

Holy Trinity Women's Club Members invited for \$25.00.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Choice of entree and payment due by Sunday, December 9. Place in collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

2019 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day during 2019 can be made at the parish office beginning Monday, November 26. No requests will be accepted before that date. Mass stipend of \$10.00 for weekday Masses and \$15.00 for weekend Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR on Friday, December 1 from 8:00-9:00 PM in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The seminarians will lead worshipers in contemporary worship music, traditional chant and praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

OPEN HOUSE & CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, December 9 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Open House and Seminary tours begin at 1:00 PM and the concert begins at 4:00 PM in St. Martin of Tours Chapel.

VETERANS BENEFIT ENROLLMENT EVENT on Tuesday, November 27 from 4:00-6:00 PM at The Villages of Pine Valley, Philadelphia. For more details and to RSVP, call 800-818-4747.

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH HEATHER MAKOWICZ on December 3 at Malvern Retreat House. "Allowing Jesus to Come Close" is the theme for this retreat for men and women. For more details or to register, call 610-644-0400.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, November 26. There are 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested. Wafers available on a first-come, first-serve basis.